ALWAYS HUMAN

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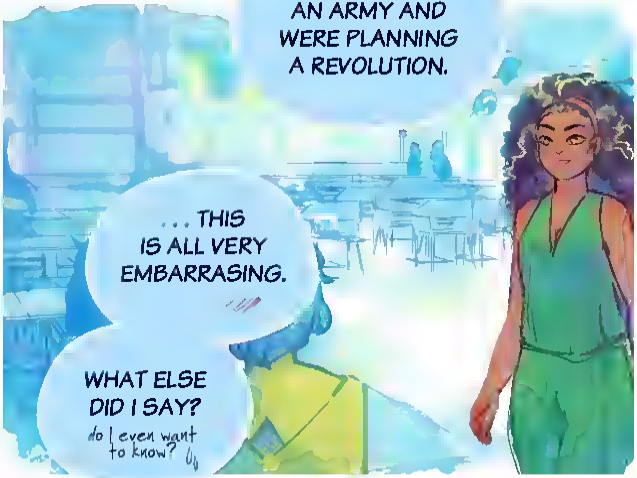
WAIT, I REALLY SAID THAT?
ahaha~
YEP
IT SOUNDED LIKE A VERY INTENSE DREAM.
I THINK I WAS A RUNAWAY SLAVE?


WE'D FORMED AN ARMY AND WERE PLANNING A REVOLUTION.
. . . THIS IS ALL VERY EMBARRASING.
WHAT ELSE DID I SAY?
do I even want to know?

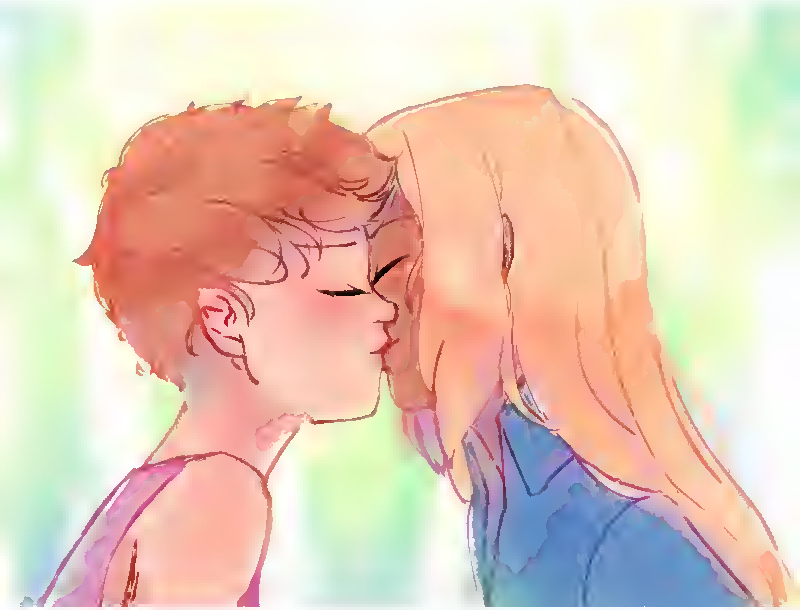
YOU TOLD ME TO DEFEAT THE ROMAN EMPIRE.
whhhyyyyy

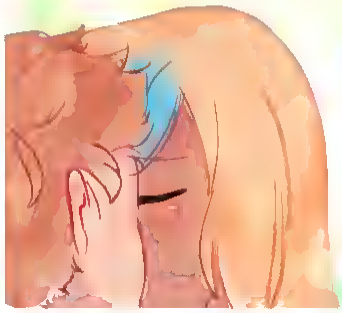
I THINK-
I THINK I'VE KNOWN FOR A WHILE THAT I'D PUSHED MYSELF INTO A CORNER-
THAT SOMETHING HAD TO CHANGE-
BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO ADMIT IT

IT FELT TOO MUCH LIKE DEFEAT.
WHAT YOU SAID, ABOUT DOING THINGS THAT SCARE YOU
I NEEDED THAT.
I NEEDED TO FIND A WAY TO SEE CHANGE AS A VICTORY.

YOU'D BE A GREAT GENERAL!
I'D FOLLOW YOU INTO BATTLE.
WHY DO I FEEL LIKE YOU'RE MOCKING ME?

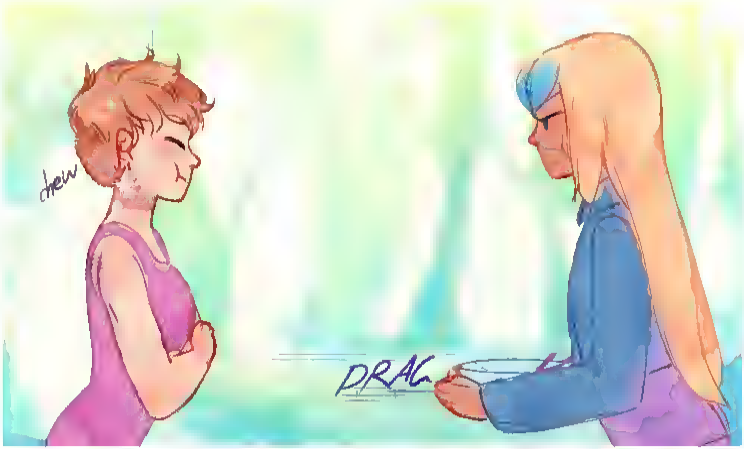
I WOULD NEVER.
YES. YES YOU WOULD.
turn off those puppy-dog eyes





AUSTEN?

snatch
NOOOOOOOO
THE LAST STRAWBERRY!
muahahaha
IT'S MINE NOW!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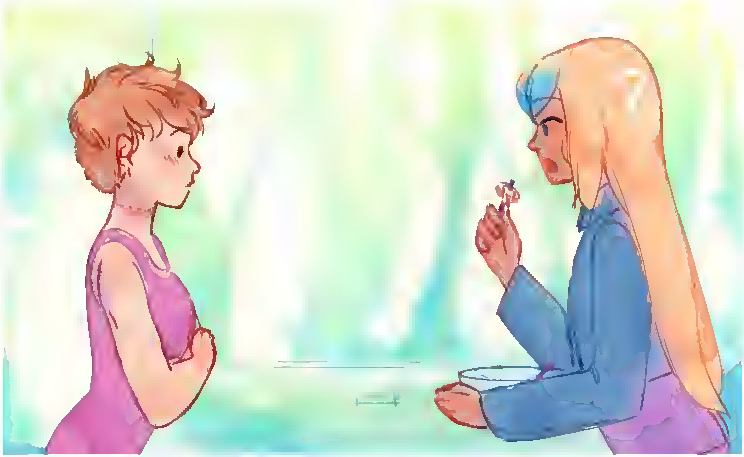
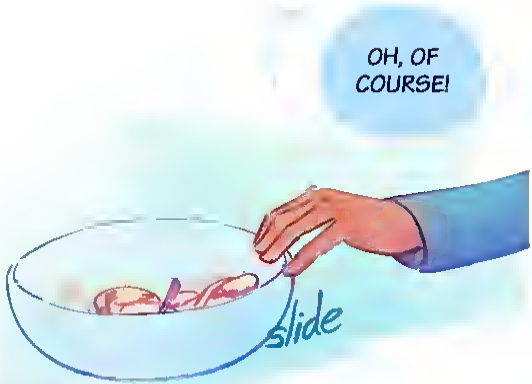


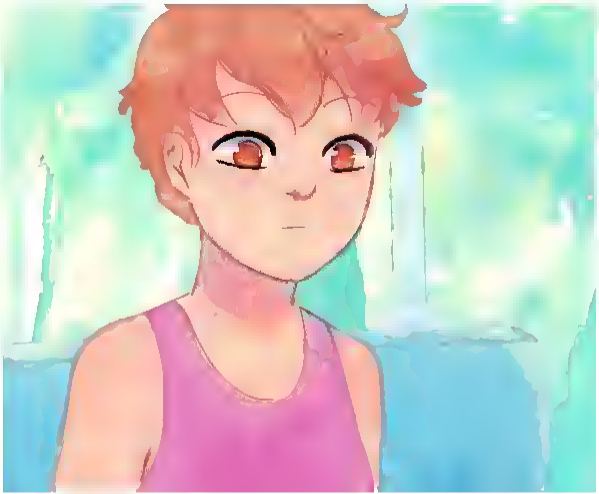
DO YOU WANT ONE?
I KNOW YOU DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT- UM, FOOD
BUT YOU ALSO SAID YOU WANT TO TRY NEW THINGS, SO . . .
no pressure though, look, I'm eating this one

I DID SAY THAT. I DO WANT TO TRY NEW THINGS.

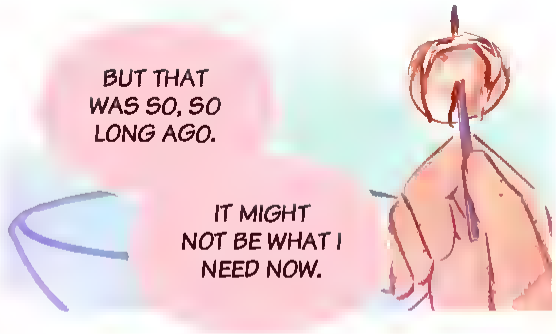
MAYBE, UM, CAN I SEND YOU SOME ARTICLES?
I MEAN - I KNOW I'M NOT AN EXPERT-
BUT I'VE BEEN READING UP ON CALORIE CONTROLLED DIETS - THEY CAN BE REALLY DANGEROUS.
AND FAT IS IMPORTANT FOR HEALTH
especially for old people
AUSTEN, WHEN YOU GROW OLD YOU NEED

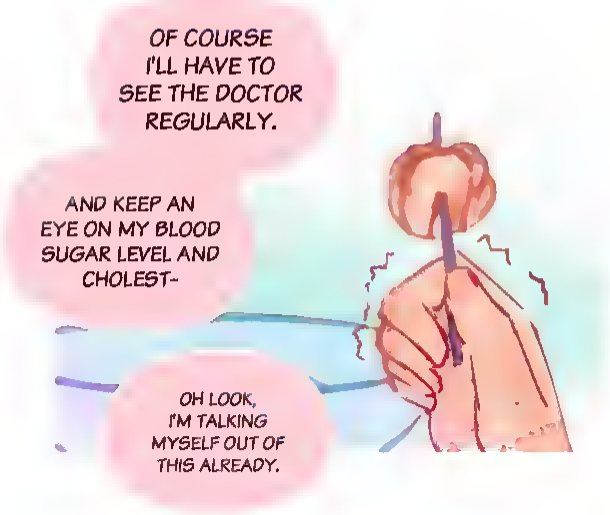
TO BE FAT SO YOU LIVE LONGER.
...
OKAY.
Ah!
'OKAY' YOU'RE GOING TO BE A FAT OLD LADY?
OR 'OKAY' I CAN SEND YOU THE ARTICLES?
'OKAY' I'D LIKE A MINI PANCAKE, PLEASE.
though you can send me articles too if you want?

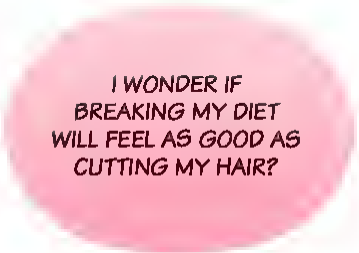

OH, OF COURSE!
slide



I WAS SEVEN, I THINK, WHEN I DECIDED I NEEDED TO BE SKINNY.


BUT THAT WAS SO, SO LONG AGO.
IT MIGHT NOT BE WHAT I NEED NOW.


OF COURSE I'LL HAVE TO SEE THE DOCTOR REGULARLY.
AND KEEP AN EYE ON MY BLOOD SUGAR LEVEL AND CHOLEST-
OH LOOK, I'M TALKING MYSELF OUT OF THIS ALREADY.


I WONDER IF
BREAKING MY DIET
WILL FEEL AS GOOD AS
CUTTING MY HAIR?

IT WAS NOTHING LIKE
CUTTING MY HAIR.

THERE WAS NONE OF THE CERTAINTY THAT COMES WITH A CHOICE YOU CAN'T TAKE BACK

NO MOMENT WHEN THE WEIGHT JUST LIFTED OFF MY SHOULDERS

IT'S SWEET.

THIS IS A DIFFERENT TYPE OF CHOICE.

A CHOICE I'LL HAVE TO MAKE OVER AND OVER.

sob
IT'S REALLY-
REALLY SWEET
sob

AND EVERY TIME I MAKE THIS CHOICE
I'LL GET TO ASK MYSELF, ONCE AGAIN:

'WILL THIS MAKE ME HAPPY?'

sob
sob
sob
UH, AUSTEN? DON'T CRY?
PLEASE?
I- I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY YOU'RE CRYING?
help????

I THINK THAT'S A REMARKABLE WAY TO LIVE.

Thank you for reading!

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ALSO

SOME SUPER TALENTED PEOPLE HAVE MADE A FANDUB (AND THEY'RE PLANNING TO MAKE MORE!)

PLEASE GO CHECK IT OUT, I AM IN AWE *____*

(YOUTUBE LINK IN COMMENTS)

THANK YOU SO MUCH KEK AND LAURA ♡